

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 18, 2007
7500 GOVERNMENT CIRCLE
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

Call to Order: 10:14 am

Commissioners Present: Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky, Chair, John Bott, Vice Chair, Laura Blumberg, Treasurer, Pat Dyer-Deckrow, Secretary and Alan Proctor, Commissioner.

Absent: Commissioner Bott

Staff Present: Chuck Schofield, Odawa Enterprise Manager (OEM), Susan Swadling, OEM Assistant and Theresa Keshick, DOC Assistant..

Staff Absent: Carrie Carlson, Enterprise Accountant

Guests: Chairman Ettawageshik

Bkwenenjige was done by Commissioner Kishigo-Lesky and invocation by Theresa Keshick.

Motion made by Commissioner Blumberg and supported by Commissioner Proctor to adopt the agenda as presented and amended.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Blumberg and supported by Commissioner Proctor to adopt the July 14 minutes as presented and amended.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Blumberg and supported by Commissioner Proctor to rescind the previously approved June 10 minutes due to incomplete information.

Vote: 3 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Motion Passed.

Open public comment at 10:48 am

Closed public comment at 10:59 am

Commissioner John Bott arrived at 11:00 am

Executive /Legislative feedback

The Trap Net boat (behind Bell's Fishery) responsibility will not be under OEM or the EDC but the Executive branch will have the responsibility.

Motion made by Commissioner Blumberg supported by Commissioner Bott to have the secretary write a letter requesting the Executive (copy for the Tribal Administrator) to relocate the boat, truck and nets off the Bells property as soon as possible.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion Passed.

Discussion of Old Victories Site ideas and the creation of a task force for this from the Executive Branch is not up and going.

Discussion of OEM Resolution by Tribal Council will be introduced at the August 19 Tribal Council meeting.

Break at 11:25 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:39 a.m

Government/Staff Reports

Report on tax agreement exemption with Theresa Keshick, DOC Assistant. Theresa will submit paperwork to be reviewed with the Tribal Legal Department to make sure it complies with Tribal Codes. The Tribal Certificates of Exemption, TCE, for tribal members in the tax agreement areas will begin in January, 2008. All DOC forms needed are available on the Tribal website.

Break at 12:11 p.m.

Reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Chuck Schofield, Odawa Enterprise Manager, updated Commissioners on Biindigen, Kings Inn business operations and will send Commissioners the Enterprise Employee Policies and Procedures.

Bells Fishery

A discussion centered on the role of the OEM Manager's monthly reporting responsibilities, Bells Fishery Consultant Contract and the current project for fish by-products.

Biindigen

A new digital store sign is up. Discussed the Enterprise Accountant's recommendations.

Community Development Financial Institution, (C.D.F.I.)

Loan Policies

Discussion held on getting Tribal Legal Department recommendations of the Northern Shore loan policies.

Commissioner Proctor left at 1:47 p.m.

Commissioner Proctor returned at 1:48 p.m.

Commissioner Blumberg left at 1:49 p.m.

Commissioner Blumberg returned at 1:58 p.m.

Budget

Reviewed expenditures from current grant.

Capitalization Plan

OEM Manager will get with Stewart Sarkoczy-Banoczy, Oweesta Training & Technical Assistance Director to discuss the retreat and the capitalization plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott and supported by Commissioner Proctor to accept the written and verbal Government/staff reports.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion Passed

Officer Reports

Chair Report:

The 2009 EDC budget due October 12 (including the CDFI budget goals and objectives) will be sent to the Tribal CFO.

Motion made by Commissioner Dyer-Deckrow and supported by Commissioner Bott to change the EDC meeting scheduled Saturday, September 8 to Saturday, September 29, 2007.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Bott and supported by Commissioner Proctor to accept the Chair's verbal monthly report.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion passed.

Vice Chair Report: no report

Treasurer Report:

Motion made by Commissioner Bott and supported by Commissioner Proctor to accept the Treasurer's verbal monthly report.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion passed.

Secretary Report: no report

Commission Recommendations

none

Other Business

Conferences/ Economic Development/Planning

Tabled

Strategic Plan-tabled

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman, came in 2:10 p.m.

2:33 pm public comment open

2:45 pm public comment closed

Commissioner Blumberg left at 2:45 p.m.

Closed Session:

Motion made by Commissioner Bott supported by Commissioner Proctor to go into closed session.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Motion passed

Motion made by Commissioner Bott supported by Commissioner Proctor to go out of closed session.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Motion passed.

Next EDC meeting will be on **September 29, 2007**, at 9:30 a.m. and lunch arrangements will be done by Commissioner Proctor.

Motion by Commissioner Bott supported by Commissioner Proctor to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Motion passed

These minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Secretary

Date